

## MEETING MINUTES

### WEST HARTFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

7:30 P.M., Monday April 28th, 2014

West Hartford Town Hall, Room 312

#### Regular Meeting:

Present: Commissioners: J. Carson, K. Fransson. G. Galvin, J. Lawes, and, M. Lewis.  
Chair Galvin opened the meeting at 7:37 P.M.

1. Corrine Prete, the owner of 1566 Boulevard, came before the Commission to informally discuss the appropriateness of her renovating the front, public streetfacing, side of her Bungalow style home to extend the width of her second floor masterbedroom dormer from it's current ~1/3 roof-width span to a full roof-width span to accomodate the addition of a new masterbath.

The owner shared comparables of neighboring houses on Boulevard which included several Colonials with second story dormers that spanned the roofwidth to within approximately a foot from the roof's edge. Commissioners expressed concerns that the proposed second floor dormer width expansion would drastically alter the style, proportionality, and, characteristics that make the structure a fine example of the bungalow style.

Commissioners suggested the owner approach her contractor to determine whether, and, if an additional bath may be accomodated in another (rear) part of the residence, one that would not necessarily require a certification of appropriateness for the alteration. The owner was going to explore her options.

2. Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the previous West Hartford Historic District Commission meeting of April 24, 2014, and, approved them for the record.

3. Commissioners reviewed the Certificate of Appropriateness submission by Monte and Sue Henderson, owners of 66 West Hill Drive property, for the

proposed 3rd floor window(s) replacement with Anderson windows constructed of a wood/polymer composite. Commissioners expressed concerns with the proposed replacement material consisting of a composite polymer when quality and affordable wooden replacements are readily available by Anderson or any number of other manufacturers. Commissioners unanimously declined the request.

4. Commissioner Lewis is making final edits to the WHHDC Handbook Guidelines, and, expects to have a final copy for review at the June regular meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 P.M. A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Carson, and, seconded by Commissioner Lawes. All voted in favor, no objections or abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mitch Lewis